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Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. JONES, Mr. LANCE, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. POSEY, Mr. HURT, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. HARPER, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. WALDEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MARINO, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. LABRADOR, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. PETRI, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BONNER, Mr. YODER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. DENT, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. BROUN of Georgia) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

1 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become
2 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number
3 of each House by a rollcall vote.

4 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions
5 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
6 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be
7 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is
8 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and
9 serious military threat to national security and is so de-
10 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the
11 whole number of each House, which becomes law. Any
12 such waiver must identify and be limited to the specific
13 excess or increase for that fiscal year made necessary by
14 the identified military conflict.

15 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-
16 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely
17 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

18 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts
19 of the United States Government except those derived
20 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of
21 the United States Government except for those for repay-
22 ment of debt principal.

23 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning
24 with the fifth fiscal year beginning after its ratification.”.

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